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Letter dated 31 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to notify you of continued violations of the ceasefire resolution and the Tehran agreement concerning the area of separation between Iraq and Iran that were committed by the Iranian side between 22 August and 24 November 2000, as shown in the list annexed hereto.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

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Annex to the letter dated 31 December 2000 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Iraq to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

1. *22 August 2000*

At 0200 hours there was firing from the Iranian side opposite the Ziyadiyah area towards the Shatt al-Arab.

2. *5/6 September 2000*

The Iranian patrol boats *Ashura'/1* and *Ashura'/2* intercepted the mechanical tender *Al-Ma'mun*, owned by Khalid Muhammad Ahmad Al-Umar, when it was some 500 metres north-west of the Khawr al-Amayah waterway.

3. *22 September 2000*

At 1830 hours a blue Iranian patrol boat carrying three soldiers and mounting a machine-gun in the bow fired indiscriminately in the direction of the joint maritime control point. It was travelling at speed and heading towards the Iranian customs facility opposite Iraq's Ra's al-Bishah.

4. *30 September 2000*

At 1630 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen opposite our units at coordinates 9002 and the Zayd outpost coming from the north and heading south at an altitude of 500 metres. At 1640 hours it withdrew towards the Iranian rear.

5. *2 October 2000*

At 0100 hours, as Iraqi citizen Haytham Farid was in the Ma'amir area, driving his Land Cruiser vehicle with the registration number 296301/Baghdad from Basra towards Faw, the rear door of the vehicle was hit by fire from the Iranian side.

6. *7 October 2000*

The Iranian side detained Ahmad Jamil, Hady Nassir, Ahmad Aziz and Husayn Aly, the crew of the Iraqi fishing vessel with the registration number 2419/Basra which had put in from sea on 3 October 2000. On 26 October 2000 they were released.

7. *8 October 2000*

The vessel *Al-Mashraq* belonging to the businessman Sa'd Matshar was seized and taken to Khawr Musa.

8. *12 October 2000*

An Iranian military patrol vessel carrying four persons armed with light weapons intercepted the fishing vessel with the registration number 2679/Basra belonging to Sabah Muhammad Khaliwa in the Rakiyah area inside our territorial waters. The patrol personnel took possession of the fishermen's equipment and fishing permits and attempted to coerce the men into going with them to the Iranian side. They were, however, able to escape.

9. *13 October 2000*

At 1230 hours the same patrol vessel intercepted other fishermen in the same location. The Iranians took the fishermen's fishing permits and customs logbook and

demanded that they should accompany them to Iran. However, the fishermen were able to escape from them and return to the Faw region.

10. *13 October 2000*

At 1200 hours an Iranian patrol consisting of four vessels intercepted Iraqi fishermen who were fishing in territorial waters in Mina' al-Amiq and demanded the fishermen's fishing permits and customs logbook. The fishermen were able to evade them and return to the Faw region.

11. *13 October 2000*

Two vessels (*Elian* and *Master Star*) belonging to businessman Sabah Jakhyur were seized.

12. *16 October 2000*

Captain Hashim Abdulla Ghabaysh filed a report at the Faw customs centre to the effect that, when he had been out fishing in our territorial waters in the Shatt al-Arab, in a vessel with the registration number 4319/Basra, and was in the Ruka area near Karin, which is not shown on any maps, he and the crew with him in the boat were intercepted by an Iranian military vessel with seven armed persons on board. Those persons searched the Iraqi vessel and impounded the fishing logbook and all the fishing permits.

13. *18 October 2000*

At 1225 hours an Iranian helicopter was observed in the region to the north of Za'faran.

14. *20 October 2000*

Two jeep-type vehicles bearing 10-tube Katyushas were observed coming from the Iranian rear. They stopped at coordinates 015500, and 10 minutes later a Mercedes truck was observed coming from the Iranian rear. It towed the four-barrel machine-gun already located in the same area away in the direction of the Iranian rear.

15. *22 October 2000*

At 2000 hours there was heavy and indiscriminate firing from the Iranian side in the direction of Faw city. Rashid Atiyah Salim, who was attached to the civil defence centre in Faw, was injured in the left shoulder.

16. *22 October 2000*

At 1930 hours the Iranian side opened indiscriminate light-weapons fire in the direction of the Faw provincial centre, injuring citizen Rashid Atiyah Kathim Al-Maliky, a member of the civil defence corps in Faw province.

17. *23 October 2000*

At 0700 hours the Iranian side began engineering work at coordinates 9117 using one piece of equipment. Work stopped at 1700 hours.

18. *25 October 2000*

At 1230 hours the Iranian side opened fire indiscriminately in the direction of Faw city. Policeman Haydar Hamdan Badayr, who is attached to the port police department, sustained an injury to his left leg.

19. *23-26 October 2000*

The Iranian side undertook engineering work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah). Ten workmen were involved, while a further five men were working behind the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 150790. Work began at 0700 hours and stopped at 1700 hours.

20. *27 October 2000*

Between 1830 and 1840 hours there was heavy and indiscriminate firing from the Iranian side. Between 2020 and 2045 hours they again opened fire, in the direction of the Faw provincial centre.

21. *28 October 2000*

Ten Iranian workmen continued the engineering work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

22. *31 October 2000*

At 1010 hours five small Iranian metal-coloured fibreglass boats were observed. They had 200-horsepower Yamaha motors, and each boat had five persons on board, some of whom were wearing military uniforms. The first two boats were mounting machine-guns. The vessels were coming from the open sea towards the Kasbah region opposite Faw and were moving along close to the eastern bank of the Shatt al-Arab. At 1020 the boats went back out to sea.

23. *2 November 2000*

At 1330 hours a khaki-coloured Land Cruiser pick-up truck arrived at the Iranian observation post opposite our units at coordinates 938745. Two officers and two soldiers got out of the vehicle. They used a map and binoculars to observe our units.

24. *2 November 2000*

At 1230 hours a Land Cruiser with tinted windows arrived at the Iranian guard post opposite our units at coordinates 968738. Five persons got out of the vehicle, two of whom were military personnel and the remaining three civilians. They walked around the area, visited the Iranian guard post and observed our national territory.

25. *3 November 2000*

At 1315 hours three large trucks arrived carrying a number of military and civilian personnel with cameras. They got out of the vehicles near the Iranian guard post in the Shalamijah region at coordinates 153785. Using binoculars, they observed our national territory.

26. *3 November 2000*

At 1200 hours three large Land Cruisers, one emergency vehicle and two military Land Cruiser pick-up trucks arrived. A number of civilian and military

personnel got out of the vehicles and visited the Iranian guard post at coordinates 216739.

27. *3 November 2000*

At 1230 hours three large trucks and a pick-up truck arrived at the Iranian guard post opposite our units in Khurnubiyah at coordinates 160751. A number of military and civilian personnel got out of the vehicles and used binoculars to observe the Shatt al-Arab.

28. *3 November 2000*

At 0945 hours the Iranian side placed a heavy machine-gun on the hill at coordinates 4610, 10 metres from the Iranian tower. There is a further machine-gun already in position close to the aforementioned tower.

29. *4 November 2000*

At 0800 hours the Iranian side placed a PKC machine-gun on top of the Iranian Khosrawi tower opposite the Iraqi Yasin post at coordinates 4502.

30. *4 November 2000*

At 1000 hours a group of Iranian personnel with all their equipment was observed at the Iranian towers in front of the Manthuriyah post. They occupied the positions close to the towers.

31. *4-7 November 2000*

Seven Iranian workmen continued the engineering work behind the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 150790.

32. *5 November 2000*

There was indiscriminate firing from the Iranian side in front of our units at coordinates 4836. Private First Class Muhammad Abdulaziz Haydar was hit in the right leg. At 1645 hours the Iranian side resumed firing in the same area.

33. *8 November 2000*

At 1300 hours there was indiscriminate firing from the Iranian side in front of our units at coordinates 3422.

34. *8 November 2000*

At 1300 hours there was sporadic and indiscriminate light-weapons fire from the Iranian side in the direction of Faw province in Basra Governorate. Citizen Ghanim Khalaf was injured in his right foot and left thigh.

35. *11 November 2000*

At 1100 hours there was firing from the Iranian side in the direction of Faw province. Citizen Mahmud Kathim Shakir, who was sitting in his father's boat, was injured in his right thigh.

36. *11 November 2000*

At 1145 hours an Iranian military helicopter flew over the Iranian territory opposite our border posts at Shahaby village in Jasan district, inside the

administrative borders of Badrah province. At 1205 hours the helicopter returned to Iranian territory.

37. *12 November 2000*

At 1600 hours the Iranian side bombarded our units at coordinates 6522 with four 120-mm mortar rounds and 50 BKC rounds, firing from inside Iranian territory at coordinates 6724. This caused damage to an emergency vehicle that was supplying the units with water and injured the following officers: Privates First Class Muhammad Mal Allah Husayn, Amir Nabil Abdulla, Abbas Muslim Najam and Nahid Husayn Abbud.

38. *14 November 2000*

Seven Iranian workmen continued the engineering work behind the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 150790.

39. *11-14 November 2000*

Seven Iranian workmen continued the engineering work at coordinates 154751 (Khurnubiyah).

40. *14 November 2000*

Citizen Khalil Ibrahim Salman, the owner of the boat with the registration number 117/Basra, put out to sea in a normal fashion with the intention of fishing. On board the vessel were seven persons. At 0800 hours on 22 November 2000 they were intercepted in the Shatt al-Arab region close to Karin by three armed Iranian vessels. The boat was searched and the customs logbook impounded, but they managed to evade the Iranian vessel when it was searching other Iraqi boats and return to the Faw region without further incident.

41. *15 November 2000*

At 1500 hours an Iranian helicopter was seen flying at low altitude in a south-north direction in front of our units at coordinates 940020.

42. *16-24 November 2000*

Seven Iranian workmen continued the engineering work behind the Iranian cemetery at coordinates 150790.

43. *21 November 2000*

The owners of the boats with registration numbers 1558/Basra, 2358/Basra and 2222/Basra were intending to go fishing in national waters when they were taken unawares and forcibly intercepted by armed Iranian vessels in the region of the Shatt al-Arab close to Karin. Each boat was ordered to stop and its customs logbook was impounded and the boats were then ordered to accompany the Iranian vessels to the Iranian side. As darkness fell, the boats were able to escape and returned to the Faw region on 22 November 2000 without further incident.

44. *22 November 2000*

At 0950 hours two Iranian aircraft were observed by our units at coordinates 9302, flying at medium altitude along the border in a north-south direction. When in front of our units at coordinates 9476, they withdrew to the Iranian rear.

45. *24 November 2000*

At 1015 hours the Iranian side fired 10 81-mm mortar shells which fell at coordinates 6627.